Report Of The Financial Condition of Ashland College, April 1, 1889.

Cost of College, Boarding Hall and 17 acres of land,	$18500.00
Cost of Furniture,	642.50
Total cost,	$19142.50
Paid on College,	$4625.00
Paid furniture in full,	642.50
Total amt., paid,	$5267.50
Amt., yet unpaid,	$13875.00
Assets in good notes,	$7500.00
Conditional pledges,	2000.00
Total assets,	$9500.00
Amt., not provided,	$4375.00
Int., accruing say,	625.00

Total amt., not provided, $5000.00 which must be made up by new donations.

By the earnest solicitations and entreaties of many of the brethren and sisters and others to save the College to the church we have struggled hard to do so, and we have it now in good shape so by some effort we can easily pay for it. We have a payment to make of $4625.00 and some interest on the 17th, of July, next. Now let us go to work in good earnest, in time. don't wait to be asked. Send in your subscriptions and donations as soon as possible and we will send you a receipt for amount promptly. We keep a record of all the donors to the College and every dollar will be accounted for.

Some one may say we have no need of a College. Those who make this plea, are ignorant or have no love for their church. Some say if we pay for it what assurance have we but it will be involved again. The constitution of the College restricts the trustees to a debt not exceeding two hundred dollars. Some say the Ashland people are not favorable to the College. This is a mistake. They want it to succeed and when they see that we mean business they will patronize us.

One mistake we make, for the sake of saving a few dollars—Sending our children to other schools instead of giving encouragement to our own. Don't you know for every student sent to Ashland one year is a donation of fifty dollars. Arrangements for the coming year have been made and the prospects for a full attendance is very flattering. Bro. S. E. Shook, steward of the boarding hall, is fixing things in good style, making it very homelike. Some of the recitation rooms have been nicely decorated and look cheerful. The study and reading room is very pleasant, nicely decorated and carpeted, furnished with tables and have access to a nice library. The commercial department is now in process of improvement and when finished will be very attractive. There is also a neat room fitted up with necessary apparatus for those who wish instruction in short hand and type writting. The music department will be made prominent and those who have a taste for the lovely and beautiful will find the College just what they want. There will be a number of good preachers in attendance at the College the coming year who will favor the students with good sermons.

Our church paper solicits church news and lively and spicy articles on moral and religious subjects and the managers aim to make it a true exponent of the principles of the gospel. But its colums will be closed against any and all personal bickerings and contentions, 'words to no profit.' We have taken passage on the gospel ship sailing under the banner of the cross. We love our church, we love her institutions. Let us keep humble, unite our efforts and by the smiles of a kind Providence we shall have a bright future before us.

JOSIAH KEIM, Treasurer.

The Best Way to Conduct a Protracted Meeting.

BY J. G. WINEY.

This duty was assigned to the writer at our State Conference meeting held at Dowagiac, Mich., and a synopsis of it may be interesting to some of your many readers. In order to conduct a successful series of meetings there are at least four essential points to be considered.

1. The church in which the meeting is being held must be in peace and union—in good working order; for where there is not peace and union there is confusion, and where confusion is there is discord and the spirit of God cannot dwell where discord has the preeminence. Hence this is one of the essentials in conducting a successful protracted meeting.

2. Good, solid, gospel preaching—'preach the word,' the truth, the gospel, there are but few, if any, that will be offended at the gospel if judiciously and credulously delivered, preach the love of God and show the audince what love God had to a sin-cursed world, in the presentation of his son Jesus Christ. 'We love him because he first loved us.' True it is necessary sometimes to preach the wrath of God also, as everything has two or more sides. Do not try to scare people into the kingdom. If you do their religion will continue about as long as the spring snow and perhaps not longer than the meeting will last.

Preach theory as well as practice, and the more practice the better—the practical part of our religion is better, perhaps than the theoretical. Always use plain, comprehensive language, tell few, if any death-bed incidents as they are not generally edifying to the congregation. In studying the Bible we find nothing but good logical reasoning by the Saviour, the apostles and all the early ambassadors. Preach the word.

Never boast or eulogize yourself. No Christian gentleman will do it, less alone an embassador for Christ. 'Self praise don't go a great ways,' is a true adage. If you are instrumental in the hands of the Lord to call sinners to the lamb, give him the praise whom all praise belongs.

Never club or ridicule other denominations. Consider first that you are not perfect yourself. He that is without sin let him cast the first stone. Preaching and not clubbing is our calling. Never tear a man's house down it it is ever so humble, if it is only a hovel it is better than no house at all. If you do tear it down you will insult him and you can never gain that man. But I will tell you what is a better plan. Go and build a better one by the side of his and when it is all completed, show him and try to convince him that your house is the best, that the foundation is on the solid rock that it is impregnable as the rocks of Gibralter; that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it; that it is infallibly safe. Now bid him kindly to come and move into it and it is more than likely he will.

3. Good singing is another essential part in a revival meeting. In order then to have good singing have (a) Agood leader. (b) Get the singers as close to the altar or pulpit as you can, especially the young people, invite them kindly to come forward, if they hesitate (which they frequently do) invite them again and again till they come, they will soon appreciate your kindness. You can not have good singing if your singers are scattered all over the house. (c) If possible have them sing the four different parts—soprano, tenor, alto and bass, and don't forget the old tunes, such as 'Greenville,' 'Bethany,' 'We are going,' etc., etc., and even 'Old Hundred' has stood the test for many, many years and it is not worn out yet. Then, too, sing some of the new and fast tunes that will revive the sleepy.

4. Last but not least is order. Good order must be had to have a good meeting and this can generally be had if the right way is taken. Never scold or threaten, but be kind and mild, but decisive and firm. Have your congregation to know that you love them. Do like the Quaker, 'kill them by love.'

These are some of my thoughts and experience in the matter and I think if carried out, with the blessings of God, good revival meetings can be had.

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OUR CHURCH.—From 5th page.

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Wilson P. O., Adams Co., O., April 7th, 1889.—List of donations, received up to April 7th. Previously reported, $4.50. 1st. An unknown sister, no name, 10 cents. 2nd. Sister L. Slotter, $1. Amt., received up to date, $6.60. Sisters, God bless you. Through your Christian generosity, I am enabled to begin work on a very limited stock, and I feel happy and thank God, that I am substantially born in mind by that portion of Christ's people, who were last at the cross, and first at the sepulchre. Sisters your good deeds are booked on high, as a reward in the good world to come. God bless you.—W. L. Lyon.

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